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Serial No.: 10/001,688

Examiner: Joyce Tung

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Group Art Unit: 1637

Title: COMPOSITION AND METHODS FOR OPTIMIZED HYBRIDIZATION USING MODIFIED SOLUTIONS

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Sir:

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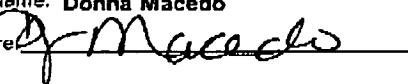
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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+ \$300 \$ 0
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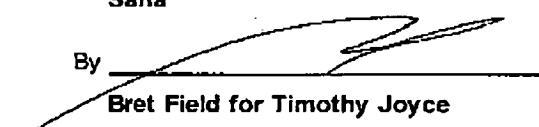
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10010819-1 3172
	First Named Inventor	Sana
	Application Number	10/001,688
	Filing Date	October 25, 2001
	Group Art Unit	1637
	Examiner Name	Joyce Tung
	Title	Composition and Methods for Optimized Hybridization Using Modified Solutions

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.